

Richard W. Jones, a longtime resident of Willingboro, New Jersey who recently passed away at age 85. Reverend Jones was a true leader in the community serving as Sheriff's Officer in Burlington County for 24 years and the inspirational Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church for 49 years. He was also a loving husband, of 52 years, to his wife, Ethel.

While Reverend Jones was conferred with a doctorate of human letters from Thomas Edison State College in 2001, perhaps his greatest legacy will remain his work at Tabernacle Baptist Church. His hard work and enduring faith led to the completion of his church's sanctuary and the expansion of the education wing in 1995, which is rightfully named the R. W. Jones Family Life Center. He was also responsible for the expansion of his church's multipurpose room, that included a gymnasium, aerobics room, locker room, cafeteria, and banquet room which was dedicated in 2008 as Unity Hall.

Reverend Jones was a humble man who affected not only the people in his congregation but those he met throughout his life. During his pastorship, he ordained more than 60 deacons and provided guidance to thousands of local residents.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring a man whose life serves as a role model to many people and whose church will continue his legacy for a long time to come.

IN HONOR OF CONSUL GENERAL
JANJA ZMAUC OF SLOVENIA ON
THE OCCASION OF SLOVENIAN
STATEHOOD DAY

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of the Consul General from the Republic of Slovenia, Mr. Jure Zmauc, and his wife, Mrs. Janja Zmauc, on the occasion of Slovenian Statehood Day celebrated annually on June 25th.

In 2009, Mr. Jure Zmauc, Mrs. Janja Zmauc, daughter Nika and son Aljaz moved from Slovenia to Cleveland. Mr. Zmauc served there for four years as a foreign diplomat representing the largest Slovenian population in the world outside of Slovenia. Mr. Zmauc's responsibilities in the United States include developing educational, business and tourism ties for Slovenia and supporting Americans of Slovenian heritage throughout Northeast Ohio.

The twenty-fifth of June is Slovenian Statehood Day, an annual celebration of Slovenia's independence and the sovereignty it gained in 1991. It is a commemoration of the struggles and triumphs of the people of Slovenia. It also serves as an opportunity for residents of Northeast Ohio to celebrate the customs, traditions and contributions of Slovenian Americans to our community.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition and welcome of Consul General Janja Zmauc and his family. Their representation of Slovenia in our community connects our communities and our nations—from the shores of Lake Erie to the Adriatic Sea.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, on the evening of Wednesday, June 23, 2010, and on Thursday, June 24, 2010, I was absent from the House and missed rollcall votes 382 through 394.

Had I been present for rollcall 382, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 5481, To give subpoena power to the National Commission on the BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and Offshore Drilling, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 383, on a motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3993, the Calling Card Consumer Protection Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 384, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1388, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Hurricane Preparedness Week, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 385, on ordering the previous question for H. Res. 1468, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5175, the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 386, on agreeing to H. Res. 1468, Providing for consideration of H.R. 5175, the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 387, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Con. Res. 285, Recognizing the important role that fathers play in the lives of their children and families and supporting the goals and ideals of designating 2010 as the Year of the Father, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 388, on agreeing to the amendment, King of Iowa Amendment No. 2 to H.R. 5175, the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 389, agreeing to the amendment, Patrick Murphy of Pennsylvania Amendment No. 5 to H.R. 5175, the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 390, on a motion to recommit with instructions H.R. 5175, the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act, I would have voted "no."

Had I been present for rollcall 391, on passage of H.R. 5175, the Democracy is Strengthened by Casting Light on Spending in Elections Act, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 392, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to H. Res. 1464, Recognizing the 50th anniversary of the conclusion of the United States-Japan Treaty of Mutual Cooperation and Security and expressing appreciation to the Government of Japan and the Japanese people for enhancing peace, prosperity, and security in the Asia-Pacific region, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 393, on a motion to suspend the rules and concur with the

Senate amendments to H.R. 3962, To provide affordable, quality health care for all Americans and reduce the growth in health care spending, and for other purposes, I would have voted "aye."

Had I been present for rollcall 394, on a motion to suspend the rules and agree to the conference report to H.R. 2194, the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act, I would have voted "aye."

UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE
UNIFORMED DIVISION MOD-
ERNIZATION ACT OF 2010

SPEECH OF

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, June 28, 2010

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my support for S. 1510, the United States Secret Service Uniformed Division Modernization Act. I support the underlying bill but I want to highlight language that would allow the Department of Defense to waive, on a case by case basis, repayment of Voluntary Separation Pay for certain individuals. I worked on this issue during the National Defense Authorization Act markup and am pleased that the House will approve this important language within this bill.

Many individuals, who had voluntarily retired, responded to their country's call and returned to service at DOD following 9/11, and several more returned following Hurricane Katrina. According to the House Armed Services Committee, an estimated 22 individuals would benefit from this language in my home State of Georgia, and an estimated 40 individuals would benefit across the nation.

Current law allows the Department of Defense to offer voluntary separation incentive pay for individuals to voluntarily retire. If an employee receives this separation pay and returns to federal service within 5 years, the individual must repay the amount received—unless the individual is considered to be the only qualified applicant available for the position. Before being rehired, these individuals were assured that they would not have to repay the VSIP—because their country needed them. This language provides short-term, limited authority to the Secretary of Defense to waive on a case-by-case basis repayment of the separation pay.

This limited, case-by-case waiver authority, meets the objectives of the Civilian Human Resources Strategic Plan to: "provide effective policies and programs related to stability of employment that support management's ability to restructure organizations while retaining needed skills of affected employees and accommodating their needs in an efficient and humane manner."

Passage of this bill, with this language, will ensure that those heroic Americans, who responded to their country's call to duty, are not penalized. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.